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SUBJECT: GOM INTEREST IN WATER DESALINIZATION PLANT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFO THAT KING HASSAN DESIRES TO HAVE WATER DESALTING PLANT CONSTRUCTED ON FAR SOUTHERN PORTION OF MOROCCO'S ATLANTIC COAST. KING'S FIRST CHOICE IS APPARENTLY TO GIVE CONTRACT TO AN AMERICAN FIRM. MATTER RAISED DIRECTLY WITH PRIVATE U.S. BUSINESS REP WHO HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED US. THUS WE ARE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED AND PROPOSE LET MATTER REMAIN IN COMMERICAL CHANNELS, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. HOWEVER, PROPOSAL IS INTERESTING, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, AND EMBASSY WOULD, ON BALANCE, LIKE TO GIVE IT DISCREET SUPPORT.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT AND USDOC RESEARCH FILES OF PURAQUA EXHIBIT IN ROME 1969 FOR (A) INFO ON MOROCCAN REPS WHO ATTENDED AND (B) NAMES OF U.S. FIRMS WITH CAPABILITY TO BUILD DESALTING PLANTS AND FORWARD MATERIAL ASAP TO EMBASSY. PLEASE ADVISE BY TELEGRAM RESULTS OF SEARCH. DEPARTMENT OF GTERIOR OFFICE OF SALINE WATER MAY ALSO HAVE USEFUL BROCHURES AND TECHNICAL INFO WHICH EMBASSY CAN MAKE AVAILABLE TO COMMERCIAL AGENT WHO IS DEALING WITH THE PALACE.

3. WE PREFER NOT TO LET WORD OF GOM INTEREST LEAK OUTSIDE USG FOR PRESENT.
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